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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 2, please replace the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 with the following:

A<sup>1</sup> Recently, Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 44878/2000 proposes to use as a coating material a fractionated yeast cell wall comprising a yeast cell residue obtained by removing soluble intracellular ingredients from enzyme-treated yeast cells, or an acid-treated yeast cell fraction composed of a residue obtained by treating with an acidic aqueous solution a yeast cell residue prepared by removing soluble intracellular ingredients from enzyme-treated yeast cells, and these fractionated yeast cell walls being commercially available. Although this publication describes to incorporate a